EXCISE.

Mr. C O. Madhavan: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 2,231. This amount has become necessary on account of the decision of Government to permit the import of Jaffna tobacco both at Trivandrum and at Colachel. Till now it used to be imported only at Alleppey and Quilon. Certain merchants applied for permission to import Jaffna tobacco through Trivandrum and Colachel. Government therefore ordered that the permission sought for may be granted and that tobacco may be landed both at Trivandrum and at Colachel.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there is any restriction, so far as Government are concerned, in importing all the Jaffna tobacco at Trivandrum and Colachel?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: There is absolutely no restriction. It all depends upon the demands of the people. If the importers want to get down all the tobacco at Trivandrum and Colachel Government have absolutely no objection to allow them to do so.

The tobacco landed at Colachel is proposed to be taken to the bankshall at Kottar. But there is no tobacco bankshall at Trivandrum for bonding the tobacco imported here and so a new bankshall has to be opend.

For the Trivandrum Tobacco Bankshall, a staff consisting of one Inspector, two Petty Officers and four peons is necessary and for the bonding of tobacco imported at Colachel, two peons are necessary. Government have no building at Valiathura for housing the bankshall.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the Government whether it has been settled after correspondence with the Government of India that the duty on Jaffna tobacco is only an excise duty and not customs duty?

President: These questions do not arise on a supplementary demand.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: A building has been taken on a rent of Rs 100 per mensem. For these three purposes, a sum of Rs. 2,231 is necessary.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the duty that we are going to collect on the Jaffna tobacco imported at Trivandrum and Colachel has to be pooled for division under the Cochin Harbour agreement?

President: The question has not yet been settled.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: I find from the Public Accounts Committee Report that the duty collected on Jaffna tobacco was surrendered for division among the parties to

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the Cochin Harbour Agreement. I want to know whether the duty that we will be able to collect on the Jaffna tobacco imported at Trivandrum and Colachel will also have to be surrendered for division ?

President : Whatever happens to the duty elsewhere will happen here.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : I move that the House be pleased to grant this demand of Rs. 2,231 for the purposes I have mentioned just now.

Presdent : The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs 2,231 under Excise for the entertainment of a staff for the Triavndrum Tobacco Bankshall and the Colachel Sea Customs.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

POLICE.

Mr. R. Picthu Aiyangar : Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 5,121 under Demand—Police for—

(i) the opening of two Police out-posts, one at Karimannoor and the other at Arakulam in the Todupuzha taluk—Rs. 1,160.

(ii) the provision of wooden stands for the traffic point-duty constables in the Trivandrum town—Rs. 800.

(iii) the purchase of a new Pilot car—Rs. 3,161.

Sir, so far as the opening of the two Police out-posts is conerned the question was taken up at the instance of Mr. John Kattakayam, a member of this House, and correspondence began in 1933. In such cases generally the matter is referred to the District Officer of Police and to the District Magistrate, and they enquire into the matter and send in their reports pointing out the necessity or otherwise. The same procedure was gone through in this particular case as well ; all the officers have agreed that there is need for the out-post for the reason that now there are no good roads for the people to have easy approach to the Police stations. At present there are certain villages nearly 33 miles away from the Police station at Todupuzha. New lands are also brought under cultivation and there are so many other causes that necessitate the opening of these two out-posts. It is after considering the importance and the necessity that this demand has been made.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : Are not crimes in those parts on the increase ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : There are so many unreported crimes and the people have found it impossible to have timely access to the police station. Both the Police and the people find it rather

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